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INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY.

THE FOLLOWING CABLE REPORTS THE MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF BELIZE AT THE UNGA. MEXICO, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND EL SALVADOR, WHO WERE INSCRIBED TO SPEAK ON NOVEMBER 19 TO INTRODUCE RESPECTIVELY MEXICAN, UK, CARIBBEAN AND GUATEMALAN RESOLUTIONS, ALL WITHDREW THEIR NAMES FROM THE SPEAKERS LIST AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS ON THE MEXICAN DRAFT RESOLUTION. MEXICO CIRCULATED AN AMENDED DRAFT RESOLUTION (DOCUMENT NO. A/C.4/L.1102/REV. 1). MANY DELEGATIONS CONTINUED TO EXPRESS SKEPTICISM THAT A MEXICAN DRAFT SATISFACTORY TO BOTH SIDES CAN BE ACHIEVED. END INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY.

1. THE REVISED MEXICAN DRAFT CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING CHANGES FROM THE ORIGINAL DRAFT:

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1) THE WORD "CONTROVERSY" WAS TO HAVE BEEN SUBSTITUTED FOR THE WORD "DISPUTE" WHEREVER IT APPEARS (THE AMENDED DRAFT DOES NOT ACUTALLY CONTAIN THIS CHANGE BUT WILL IN ITS CORRECTED VERSION, ACCORDING TO MEXICAN MISOFF MONTEMAYOR);

2. THE EXPRESSION "THE RIGHTS OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE" HAS BEEN SUBSTITUTED IN OPERATIVE PARA 1 FOR "THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE." MONTEMAYOR INFORMED US THTAT THE AMENDED VERSION SHOULD READ "THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION..." RATHER THAN "RIGHTS OF SELF-DETERMINATION..."

2. AT LUNCH ON NOVEMBER 19, MONTEMAYOR EXPLAINED THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASSA IS CONTINUING ACTIVE CONSULTATIONS ON THE MEXICAN DRAFT RESOLUTION. HE SAID THAT THE CARIBBEANS WILL NOT REPEAT NOT WITHDRAW THEIR RESOLUTION AND THAT THEREFORE A SINGLE MEXICAN CONSENSUS RESOLUTION WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE. MONTEMAYOR CONTINUED THAT WHILE SOME OF THE CARIBBEANS MAY VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE MEXICAN RESOLUTION, THE AFRICANS REMAIN OPPOSED TO IT. HE SAID THERE IS THE DANGER THAT THE AMENDED MEXICAN RESOLUTION WILL ONLY BE APPROVED BY A SMALL MAJORITY. MONTEMAYOR EMPHASIZED THAT NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE ON WHETHER TO ACTUALLY INTRODUCE THE MEXICAN RESOLUTION OR NOT.

3. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION, MEXICAN PERMREP GARCIA ROBLES INFORMED USUN MISOFF THAT WHILE THE GUATEMALANS HAD ORIGINALLY AGREED TO THE MEXICAN DRAFT, THEY HAVE NOW WITHDRAWN THAT AGREEMENT. MONTEMAYOR CLARIFIED WHAT HAD HAPPENED; THE GUATEMALANS INITIALLY AGREED THAT THE MEXICAN DRAFT RESOLUTION WOULD REPLACE THEIR OWN DRAFT BUT LATER DECIDED THAT THEIR DRAFT MUST ALSO BE SUBMITTED, UNLESS THE UK-CARIBBEAN DRAFT IS ALSO WITHDRAWN.

4. UK DELEGATION OFFICER WALLACE, IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION, SAID THAT THE GUATEMALANS' CHANGE OF HEART RESULTED FROM A PHONE CALL FROM FOREIGN MINISTER MOLINA
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ON NOVEMBER 18. WALLACE AND OTHER UK DELEGATIONS OFFICERS REMAINED DUBIOUS THAT THE CARIBBEANS WILL GO ALONG WITH THE MEXICAN DRAFT.

5. UK MISOFF RICHARDSON CALLED TO DISCUSS RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. MEXICANS, HE SAID, HAVE REQUESTED A "FREE" VOTE (I.E. COSPONSORS OF OTHER RESES TO VOTE AS THEY CHOOSE) ON THEIR RESOLUTION. CARIBBEANS HAVE SOUGHT

INSTRUCTIONS AND WILL MEET AGAIN WITH RABASSA THIS AFTERNOON(NOVEMBER 19). RICHARDSON SAYS THAT A "FREE" VOTE WILL BE COMPLETELY UNPREDICTABLE AND COULD RESULT IN DEFEAT FOR THE MEXICAN RESOLUTION. THE UK WILL SPEAK BEFORE THE VOTE ON THE MEXICAN RESOLUTION, IF INTRODUCED, AND WILL PRAISE THE MEXICAN EFFORT. THE UK WILL VOTE FOR THEIR RESOLUTION, AGAINST GUATEMALA'S RESOLUTION AND WILL PROBABLY ABSTAIN ON THE MEXICAN RESOLUTION, IF IT IS INTRODUCED. RICHARDSON EMPHASIZED THAT THE SITUATION REMAINS VERY "FLUID."

6. CORRECT PARA 5 REFTTEL TO READ "DEPUTY PREMIER ROGERS" VICE "DEPUTY PREMIER PRICE".
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